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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2001 for which a three month period of response is given. A petition and fee for a three month extension of time accompanies this response. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application.

The present invention relates to a gear oil or transmission fluid composition comprising a major amount of lubricant basestock and at least one functional additive wherein a major amount of the lubricant basestock comprises a mineral oil having an iodine

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